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SUBJECT: EC ENERGY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY ENERGY POLICY

1. SUMMARY. THE EC ENERGY COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 11 EXAMINED DRAFT EC COMMISSION PAPERS ON HYDROCARBONS AND ON PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION TARGETS FOR COAL AND ELECTRICITY IN PREPARATION FOR THE ENERGY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER. THE COMMISSION IS TO REVISE THE PAPERS IN LIGHT OF THE DISCUSSION. THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET AGAIN ON NOVEMBER 22. END SUMMARY.

2. THE ENERGY COMMITTEE IS ENGAGED IN PREPARATIONS FOR THE EC COUNCIL MEETING ON GNERGY SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER, PRPBABLY THE 17TH. UNDER DISCUSSION ON NOVEMBER 11 WERE DRAFT COMMISSION PAPERS ON GUIDELINES FOR A COMMUNITY POLICY IN HYDROCARBONS, COAL AND ELECTRICITY. (DOCUMENTS BEING SENT BY AIRGRAM.) THE COAL AND ELECTRICITY PAPERS, WE ARE TOLD, WERE HANDLED SOMEWHAT SUMMARILY, AND WERE REPORTEDLY CON-

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SIDERED BY MANY DELEGATIONS TO HAVE PRESENTED A

SOMEWHAT TOO OPTIMISTIC PICTURE. THEY ARE TO BE
REWORKED AND
SHORTENED BY THE COMMISSION.

3. THE HYDROCARBONS PAPER PROPOSES, IN GENERAL
TERMS, A COMMON POLICY IN DEALINGS WITH BOTH EXPORTING

AND IMPORTING COUNTRIES, A COMMUNITY SUPPLY
POLICY. THE SECTION ON SUPPLY CALLS FOR INCREASED
INFORMATION SHARING, INCLUDING MORE INFORMATION
FROM THE OIL COMPANIES AND MORE PRICE TRANSPARENCY, AND
MORE GOVERNMENT COOPERATION AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE
MARKET.

4. THE REACTION TO THE DRAFT HYDROCARBONS PAPER WAS
MIXED, EXCEPT FOR GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT IT WAS TOO
LONG WITH CONSIDERABLY TOO MUCH DETAILS FOR MINISTERIAL
CONSUMPTION. THE FRENCH PLUGGED FOR EVEN MORE
ORGANIZATION OF ENERGY SUPPLY IN THE COMMUNITY AND MORE
PRICE TRANSPARENCY AND HARMONIZATION OF PRICES
THAN PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION. THE BRITISH, GERMANS
AND DUTCH FAVORED RELATIVELY FREER MARKET ARRANGEMENTS
WHICH WOULD NOT TIE THE HANDS OF THE COMPANIES TOO
TIGHTLY. THE COMMISSION IS TO REDRAFT THE PAPER IN
LIGHT OF THE DISCUSSION. THE ENERGY COMMITTEE WILL
MEET AGAIN ON NOVEMBER 22.

5. A BRITISH SOURCE COMMENTED THAT THE EFFORTS
OF THE COMMISSION AND THE ENERGY COMMITTEE TO
PREPARE FOR THE ENERGY COUNCIL MEETING WERE CON-
SIDERABLY COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT IT WAS NOT
YET DECIDED HOW ENERGY PROBLEMS WOULD BE DEALT WITH
AT THE SUMMIT (SEE SEPTEL). THE BRITISH ARE ALSO
CONFUSED BY THE FRENCH WHO PAY LIP SERVICE TO RAPID
PROGRESS IN THE COMMUNITY TOWARDS A COMMON POLICY,
BUT WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE,
REFUSE THE COMPROMISES NECESSARY TO MAKE PROGRESS. HE
SAYS THE FRENCH HAVE ACCEPTED A UK INVITA-
TION TO DISCUSS BILATERALLY THE NEXT STEPS IN THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY ENERGY POLICY, THE
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MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN LONDON ON NOVEMBER 13,
WITH WILLIAMS THE SENIOR UK PARTICIPANT. MYERSON

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